

Medal for meritorious service. Later in his tour of duty, Paul participated in another significant battle during the Tet Counter-offensive in Vietnam. At the risk of personal injury or death, Paul delivered highly effective fire upon several enemy positions, thereby enabling his platoon to advance and occupy security positions that guarded a vital road intersection. It is without doubt that Paul's actions saved the lives of many of his fellow platoon members. As a result of his actions, Paul was awarded the Silver Star, our Nation's third highest award for valor and bravery in combat operations. One of his other awards was the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the most prestigious award ever to be bestowed upon an Infantryman.

On some rare occasions, I was able to telephonically visit with Paul, and always thanked him for his service, and for making me a better leader of other Warriors. Although news of his passing has brought me some personal sadness, I am rejoicing that he is now free of the prejudices and pain that he experienced, and will enjoy the peace and freedom that he so richly deserved.

BRICE H. BARNES,
Colonel (Ret) U.S.
Army, Honorary
Colonel, 47th Infantry
Regiment.

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HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of attending the official storefront opening of Guppi in Wildwood, New Jersey. Driven by a young entrepreneur, Abby, Guppi aspires to reduce the plastics that pollute our oceans by creating eco-friendly apparel, bags, knick-knacks. Since launching her brand in 2018, Abby has created all her products by hand via screen-printing with ecofriendly inks and embroidering with threads made from recycled plastics. I am so impressed by Abby's work ethic, as well as her continued commitment to make our South Jersey community a safer and more eco-friendly environment. Abby truly exemplifies ambition, and I am excited to watch Guppi continue to grow. God bless Abby and all the other hard-working employees at Guppi, and God Bless our America.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 400 SOUTHERN AVENUE SOUTHEAST IN WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AS THE "DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS POST OFFICE"

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill that would name the post office at 400 Southern Avenue SE in the District of Columbia as the "District of Columbia Servicemembers and Veterans Post Office."

While it is important that our country honor all servicemembers and veterans, our country owes a special debt of gratitude to D.C. servicemembers and veterans, who serve or have served their country without voting representation in Congress or full local self-government. It is remarkable that they serve a country that denies them basic democratic rights—rights they have often been sent overseas to defend.

D.C. residents have served in every war since the Revolutionary War. There are approximately 30,000 veterans who live in D.C., and almost 200,000 D.C. residents have served in the military since World War I. This bill is one way to recognize their service and sacrifice. Six hundred thirty-five D.C. residents were casualties of World War I, a casualty figure greater than that of three different States during that war. Three thousand five hundred seventy-five D.C. residents were casualties of World War II, a casualty figure greater than that of four different States during that war. Five hundred forty-seven D.C. residents were casualties of the Korean war, a casualty figure greater than that of eight different States during that war. Two hundred forty-three D.C. residents were casualties of the Vietnam war, a casualty figure greater than that of 10 different States during that war.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THELMA C. CHILDERS

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the outstanding life and service of Thelma C. Childers.

Thelma was born on March 31, 1922, in Clover, South Carolina. Her doctor told her mother she would not live past the age of 2 due to a heart murmur, but Thelma proved that doctor wrong and just celebrated her 100th birthday.

Raised on a farm by a single mother, Thelma understands the value of hard work. During the day, her mother worked as a makeup artist at the local cemetery, and at night, she tended to the cows and other farm animals. Despite growing up during the Great Depression, Thelma never knew she was poor—she just knew she was happy and loved.

Thelma was married to the late Joe Childers for over 50 years. Joe was in the Navy and fought in the South Pacific during World War II. Throughout their joyful and prosperous marriage, Thelma helped Joe run his own life insurance business. The two were also big supporters of St. Jude Children's Hospital and members of the Travelers Protection Association, an organization that helps communities through travel safety issues, children safety programs, and various community service projects.

A proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Thelma is the epitome of a family matriarch. After attending Northside Baptist Church for most of her life, she now enjoys attending Eastside Baptist Church with her grandson Justin as often as she is able.

Thelma's secret to her health and long life is "working hard in my yard, because all I

have known my whole life is hard work and hard work hasn't ever hurt nobody." In addition to spending time with her family, her true passion is spending time outside digging in her flower beds.

On behalf of the Fifth District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize and celebrate the incredible life of Thelma Childers. May her life continue to be filled with joy, good health, and family.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIFEREETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION OF NEW BEDFORD

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Tifereth Israel Congregation of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

As the Jewish population of New Bedford grew in the 1920s, so did the need for a new synagogue. On November 17, 1921, the Tifereth Israel Congregation was chartered and has continued to serve the Greater New Bedford area for over 100 years. The original Tifereth Israel Synagogue still stands at 42 South Sixth Street; however, in 1966, during a two-week celebration, elders of the congregation moved sacred Torahs to the newly constructed synagogue on Brownell Avenue with over 800 people attending the dedication ceremonies.

Today, the Tifereth Israel Congregation remains a pillar of the community offering a variety of programs, including Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes, the Minyan Breakfast Club, the United Youth Program, as well as the Tifereth Israel Sisterhood and Men's Club. The Tifereth Israel Congregation—currently led by Rabbi Raphael Kanter, who has served as the congregation's spiritual leader since 1997—is known for being a kind and welcoming place of worship, promoting the message of respecting all, even when beliefs may differ.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the 100th anniversary of the Tifereth Israel Congregation. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking them for their invaluable service and wishing them all the best in the many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable, and I missed the following roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 218; YEA on Roll Call No. 219; NAY on Roll Call No. 220; NAY on Roll Call No. 221; YEA on Roll Call No. 222; YEA on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; YEA on Roll Call No. 228; NAY on Roll Call No. 229; NAY on Roll Call No. 230; YEA on